

**REPLY TO ADMITTED QUESTION**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3352**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, August 09, 2021/18Sravana, 1943 (Saka)**  
**“Cases of Gold Smuggling”**

**3352. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increased instances of gold smuggling in the country especially in Kerala;
- (b) if so; the details of gold seized between 2016 to 2020 in Kerala;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of shortage of officers in the Customs department leading to failure in vigilance and efficacy;
- (d) if so, the details of staff and vacancies remaining unfulfilled in CBIC department till date, region-wise with specific reference to Kerala; and
- (e) whether the Government intends to call for a direct recruitment drive for filling vacancies in the Customs Department and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE**  
**(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

**Part (a)& (b)-**

Yes Sir. The detail of gold seized between 2016-2020 (Calendar Year wise) in Kerala, is as below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>	<b>Qty of gold seized (in kg.)</b>	<b>Value of the gold seized (in Cr.)</b>	<b>No. of persons arrested</b>
<b>2016</b>	166	75.428	19.35	15
<b>2017</b>	259	140.618	38.39	45
<b>2018</b>	981	447.627	130.65	153
<b>2019</b>	1076	726.631	241.67	348
<b>2020</b>	684	429.93	186.14	343
<b>Total</b>	3166	1820.234	616.20	904

**Part (c)-**

Yes Sir. The Government is cognizant of shortage of officers. No failure has been found in vigilance and efficacy due to shortage of staff in the Customs department.

**Part (d) -** The details of staff and vacancies unfulfilled in the CBIC till date, region / zone wise including Kerala State (Thiruvananthpuram zone) is as below:

**Region / Zone Wise**

<b>Details of Staff &amp; Vacancies in CBIC</b>												
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Field Formations</b>	<b>STAFF POSITION</b>	<b>Gr. 'A'</b>	<b>Gr. 'B'</b>	<b>Gr. 'C'</b>	<b>Total</b>					
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizag GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	80	835	232	1147					
			<b>Vacancies</b>	54	547	455	1056					
2	Assam	Guwahati GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	69	746	357	1172					
3	Arunachal Pradesh											
4	Meghalaya											
5	Mizoram											
6	Manipur											
7	Nagaland											
8	Sikkim											
9	Tripura	<b>Vacancies</b>	53	458	377	888						
10	Bihar	Ranchi GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	97	1282	708	2087					
11	Jharkhand							<b>Vacancies</b>	65	395	582	1042
12	Chandigarh	Chandigarh GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	99	627	252	978					
13	Himachal Pradesh											
14	Jammu & Kashmir							<b>Vacancies</b>	63	473	327	863
15	Ladakh											
16	Punjab											
17	Delhi	Delhi GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	236	2514	795	3545					
			<b>Vacancies</b>	130	1599	742	2471					
18	Haryana	Panchkula GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	75	589	164	828					
			<b>Vacancies</b>	56	598	296	950					
19	Gujarat	Vadodara GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	284	3013	965	4262					

20	Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli		<b>Vacancies</b>	155	1729	1643	3527
21	Karnataka	Bengaluru GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	207	1697	468	2372
			<b>Vacancies</b>	117	1275	925	2317
22	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	94	986	297	1377
23	Lakshadweep		<b>Vacancies</b>	52	774	541	1367
24	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	111	1020	280	1411
25	Chhattisgarh		<b>Vacancies</b>	81	547	384	1012
26	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	57	424	158	639
			<b>Vacancies</b>	29	382	223	634
27	Telangana	Hyderabad GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	137	1095	247	1479
			<b>Vacancies</b>	32	619	523	1174
28	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	209	1644	681	2534
29	Uttarakhand		<b>Vacancies</b>	115	696	755	1566
30	Rajasthan	Jaipur GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	86	691	233	1010
			<b>Vacancies</b>	45	238	262	545
31	Maharashtra	Mumbai GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	457	3983	1138	5578
32	Goa		<b>Vacancies</b>	246	2880	1655	4781
			Mumbai Customs	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	132	2514	962
		<b>Vacancies</b>		219	2404	1276	3899

33	Tamil Nadu	Chennai GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	205	2492	691	3388
34	Puducherry		<b>Vacancies</b>	128	1749	1748	3625
		Chennai Customs	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	80	1009	274	1363
			<b>Vacancies</b>	73	1066	541	1680
35	West Bengal	Kolkata GST	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	140	2459	530	3129
36	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		<b>Vacancies</b>	76	967	1080	2123
		Kolkata Customs	<b>No. of staff currently working</b>	34	1283	575	1892
			<b>Vacancies</b>	45	493	658	1196

**Part (e) -** Yes Sir. Wherever direct recruitment is provided as a method of recruitment in Recruitment Rules, vacancies are regularly intimated to UPSC and SSC, through which recruitments takes place from time to time.